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In re Application of : BIRRU et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of December 17, 2008, having a shortened period for response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for one month.

In response to the Final Office Action of December 17, 2008, and concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the application as follows:

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- 1. Amendments to and listing of the claims; and
- 2. Remarks